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In re Application of:

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RESPONSE TO ELECTION / RESTRICTION

Sirs:

In response to the Election / Restriction requirement dated January 10, 2008, applicants wish to elect Group I; claims 1-9, 14, 15, 19 and 20. Applicant wishes to elect Species I, figures 1-34, claims 1-9, 14, 15, 19 and 20 for prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,

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